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Frederick C. Hibbard

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2002—Lincoln-Todd Monument Racine, Wisconsin



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ABRAHAM LINCOLN – MARY TODD LINCOLN

This is the only monument of its kind in the U. S. A. honoring a famous American and his wife. Statue is the gift of Miss Lena Rosewall, resident of Racine's north side. Sculptor was Frederick C. Hibbard, Chicago. Statue unveiled July 4, 1943, and located in East Park.

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ABRAHAM AND MARY TODD LINCOLN

Heroic Granite • East Park, Racine, Wisconsin • Dedicated July 4, 1943

Donor

Miss Lena Rosewall was born on Lakeshore Road near this city in 1874 and moved to Racine in later years. A student of Lincoln Lore, she was especially interested in the part Mary Todd Lincoln played in the great national drama. Miss Rosewall bequeathed her estate in 1935 to the erection of a monument in memory of Abraham Lincoln and his wife.

Sculptor

Frederick C. Hibbard, Chicago, is a graduate of the University of Missouri, Armour Institute of Technology, and the Art Institute of Chicago. Among his many works of sculptural art is a statue of Jefferson Davis, in Frankfort, Kentucky and an equestrian statue of Ulysses S. Grant at Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Statue

"Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln" is said to be the first statue ever erected to an American President and his wife and was dedicated during the 100th year of the Lincoln's wedding anniversary.

Historical Significance

Mary Todd Lincoln's intellectual background allowed her to surround Mr. Lincoln with a cultural home atmosphere throughout their more than 20 years of married life. The tremendous contribution which she made to her husband is here adequately memorialized for the first time.

Location

Mrs. Lincoln spent the summer of 1869 in Racine with her son, Tad. It was their daily custom to walk on Main Street from Congress Hall, then on Third Street to Fourteenth Street and back, stopping to rest in East Park, near the site of the statue.

Individuals who had a prominent part in making this beautiful gift possible are:

Miss Lena Rosewall	*Donor*
Frederick C. Hibbard	*Sculptor*
Hon. Louis D. Potter	*Attorney and advisor*
Hon. Wm. H. Smith	*Executor*
Frank R. Starbuck	*Advisor*
Dr. Louis A. Warren	*Dedicational address and advisor*

Courtesy, Fagan-Newell-McQueen Co., 212 Fifth St., Racine, Wis.

ODD, STRANGE, AND CURIOUS

Monument Has Sculpted Figures of Lincoln, Wife

A **MONUMENT** in East Park at Racine, Wis., bears one of the few or perhaps the only sculptured likeness of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln together. In fact, it is one of the few or the only statue of a president of the United States and his wife together.

The statue, the work of Frederick C. Hibbard, was completed after two years of work and dedicated July 4, 1942. Carved from Elberton gray Georgia marble, the statue itself weighs five tons. Its base, a block of pink Minnesota granite, weighs 11½ tons.

After Lincoln's assassination, his widow, Mary Todd Lincoln, frequently visited Racine. With her son, Thomas, also known as Tad, she often sat in East Park. Accordingly, the park was chosen by the site-selection committee for erection of the statue.

An estate estimated at $20,000 left by Mrs. Lena Rosewall, an admirer of Lincoln, financed the statue. According to records of the Racine County Historical Museum, Inc., Mrs. Rosewall's will stipulated that the money was to be used to erect a monument which would serve as an inspiration to the youth of Racine.

During the 25 years that the statue has been standing in East Park, it has twice required "plastic surgery," said Richard W. Horton, director of the museum. Repairs were required in 1960, when a 14-year-old boy chipped the noses from both figures with a water-hydrant cap, and again in 1968, when someone knocked the nose from the Lincoln likeness.

Son of Lincoln Saved by Booth

Robert Todd Lincoln, the only son of Abraham Lincoln to survive to manhood, is said to have owed his life to the famous actor, Edwin Booth.

It was in 1864 and Robert was returning to Harvard College from the White House, where he had been visiting his family. While he waited on a railroad-station platform for his train, the shoving crowd accidentally pushed him into the gap between the platform and an approaching train.

The boy was helpless until a strong hand reached out and yanked him to safety. Back on the platform, young Robert recognized his rescuer as Edwin Booth, idol of the theatergoing public and brother of John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated his father the next year.



Statue of Lincolns in East Park at Racine, Wis.

Mary Todd Lincoln Greets Women at East Park Rally

Mary Todd Lincoln took the stump for the principles of her rail-splitter husband Thursday.

The place was East Park, site of the only Lincoln family statue. The audience included some 400 women, many of them attired in bustles and bonnets of the Civil War era, who responded to the 3,000 personal invitations issued by the Racine County Federation of Republican Women.

Mrs. Lincoln's modern-day counterpart was Mrs. Richard G. Harvey Jr., in lavendar panniered taffeta. Modern public address facilities contributed to the nostalgic mood of the afternoon with Stephen Foster music.

Friends of the Family.

Flanking Mrs. Lincoln on the improvised platform were Mrs. William Henry Herndon, wife of Lincoln's one-time law partner and biographer, (Mrs. Lawrence H. Smith), Mrs. Lincoln's bridesmaid, Julia Jayne (Mrs. John Oster, Jr.) and, in a colonial costume, Mrs. Donald G. Evans, who led the audience in the familiar Old Hundred doxology, Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow, to close the afternoon.

In keeping with the spirit of the 1952 campaign, the afternoon's speaker, Congresswoman Marguerite Stitt Church of the 13th Illinois District, called for a rebirth and a return to basic party principles on Nov. 4, the 110th anniversary, incidentally, of the marriage of Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd.

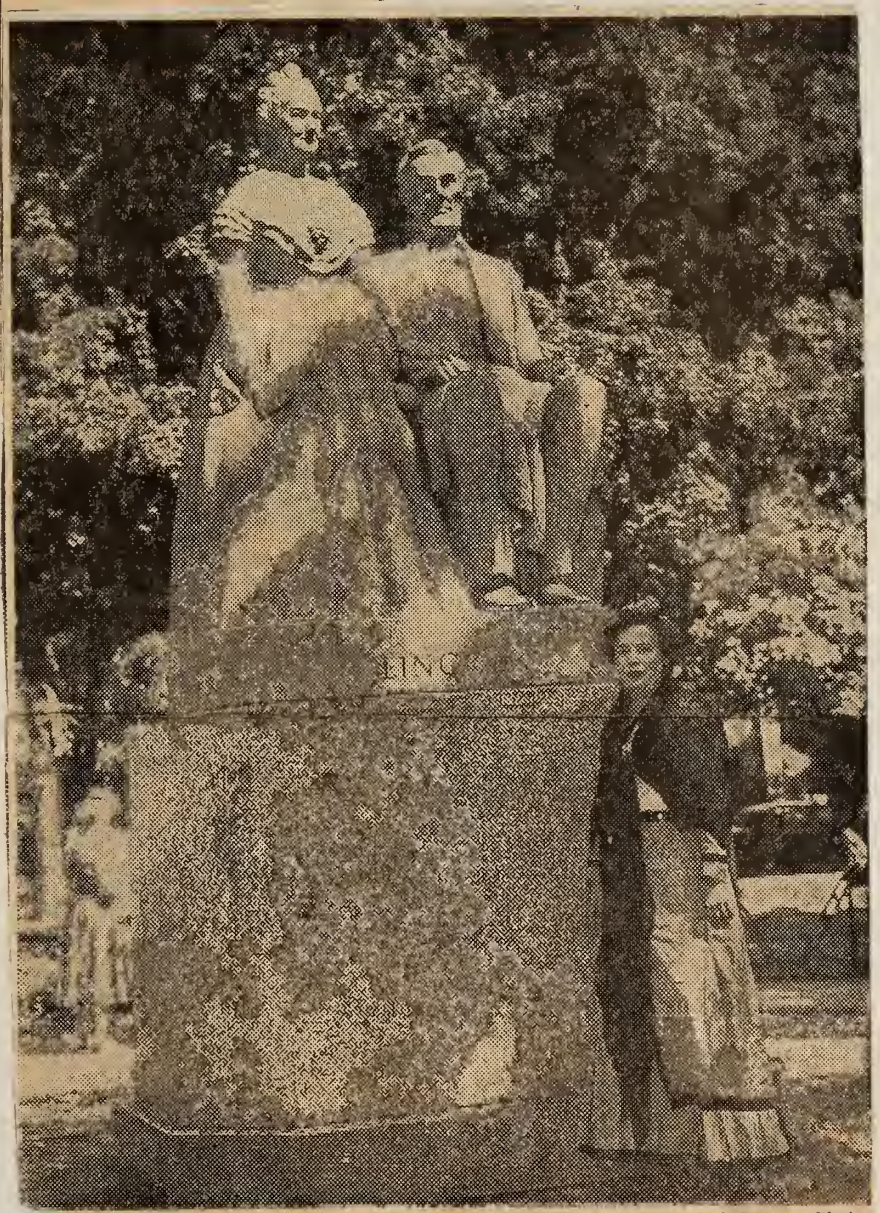
Characterizing today's America as a "fools' paradise," Mrs. Church plead for "housecleaning in Washington with a vim."

Declaring that, from her point of view, the nation has "neither freedom nor security," Mrs. Church cited the increasing encroachment of federal regulations on private lives, the pyramiding national debt, and the absence of mental and spiritual security attributable to corruption in high places.

Abe Calls for Mary.

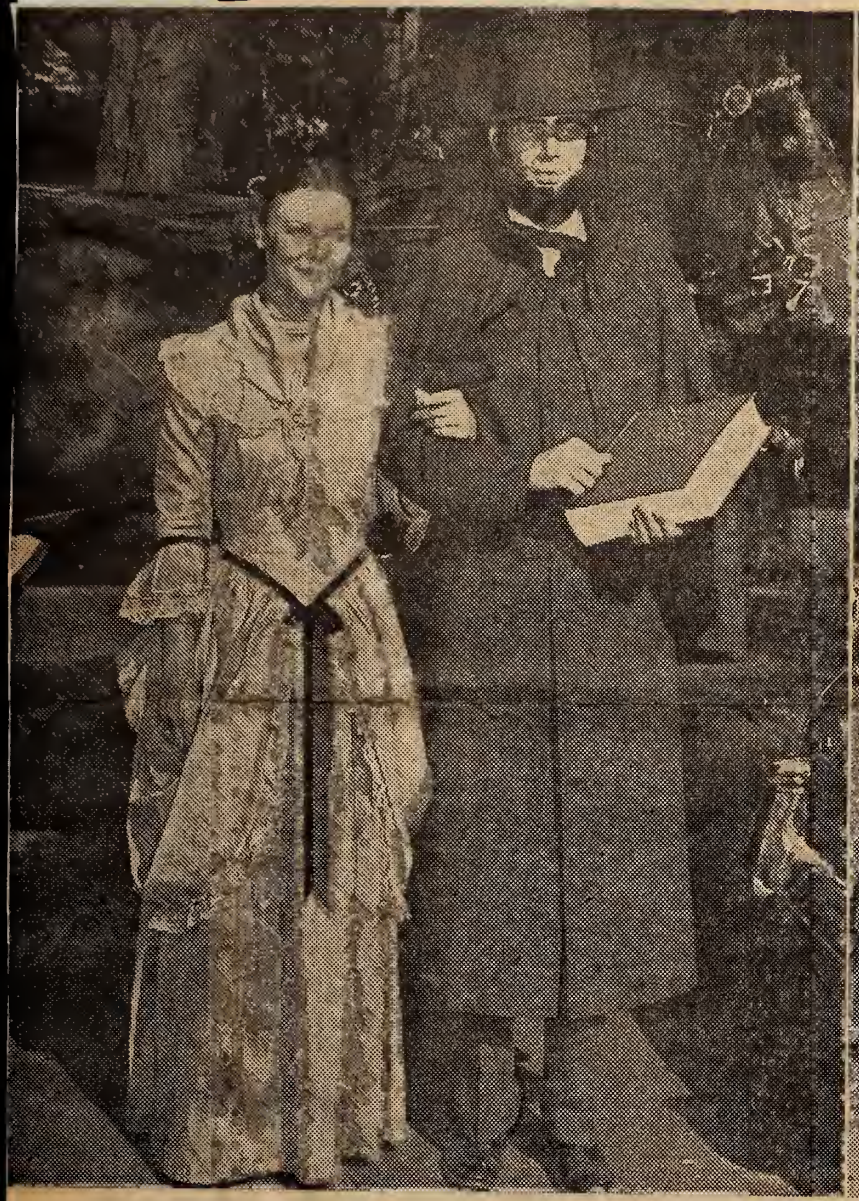
Surprise of the afternoon—a surprise and closely guarded secret, even from committee members—came when a coach drawn by two spanking black horses drew up on Lake Ave. and a bearded, top-hatted Abraham Lincoln (Fred Wheeler) stepped out to call for his wife, greeted the public, and handed her gallantly into the barouche.

Miss Harriet Wratten was general chairman of the unique rally-in-costume, aided by a large committee.



—Flash Wagner Photo

niece, Mary Thompson Nichols, who was Mrs. Brown's grandmother. In the same year, 1870, another aunt gave Mrs. Nichols the lace shawl Mrs. Brown is wearing. Photographers had a virtual field day in East Park with the galaxy of costumes on display. The Lincoln family statue is the only one of its kind.



—L. A. Holz Photo



—Journal-Times Photo

Surprise of the entire afternoon was the unscheduled appearance of Abraham Lincoln with coach and team to call for his wife. Pictured above, Fred Wheeler as the bearded emancipator, authentic even to the famous wart characteristic of Lincoln portraits, with Mrs. Richard G. Harvey Jr. as Mrs. Lincoln, just before they drove away behind their coachman. Center picture, left to right, Mrs. Lawrence H. Smith, who took the role of Mrs. William Henry Herndon, wife of Lincoln's law partner and biographer. Mrs. Smith introduced the afternoon's speaker, Congresswoman Marguerite Stitt Church of the 13th Illinois district, center. Seated next to Mrs. Church is Miss Harriet Wratten, whose pastel pink taffeta was ruffled in blue, and accented by a be-plumed blue bonnet. Miss Wratten served as general chairman of ments for the afternoon. At the far left, Mrs. J Brown is pictured at the base of the Lincoln stat terial for Mrs. Brown's dress was purchased in N in 1833 by Capt. Ebenezer Thompson for his v grandmother of William Hale Thompson, one-tim of Chicago. The dress was given to Mrs. Th

Little Giant Wins.

So, Lincoln, who bested Stephen Arnold Douglas in a series of debates in his early political careers, apparently has lost to the "Little Giant" in nomenclature of one of Racine's parks.

However, the martyrd president has a school here named after him, Lincoln school, on the northeast corner of State street and Summit avenue; Lincoln hospital at 2015 Prospect street; one club, Lincoln Fortress; 12 business houses, four members of the Lincoln family, and a statue on Northwestern avenue. Racine's only other monument to Civil war heroes was dedicated on July 4, 1884. Volume 1 of the History of Racine County says:

Soldier Monument Erected.

"Soon after the organization of Gov. Harvey Post (GAR) in January, 1881, active steps were taken toward securing a soldier's monument for Racine. A building committee aws appointed, of which Commander L. C. Porter was chairman, and its members began at once to solicit subscriptions for that purpose and were so successful that at the Memorial day exercises in May of that year they were able to report $2,900 raised. In the winter of 1881-82 a great six-day fair was held in the opera house which was liberally patronized by the people and which netted the monument fund $3,800. When sufficient funds had been subscribed and otherwise secured, the committee contracted for the monument, and on July 4, 1884, in the presence of thousands of citizens, it was dedicated. It had been decided to have a joint celebration of the semi-centennial anniversary of the founding of the city and the monument's dedication. There had been some objection to the location of the monument on the Square which for a time threatened serious consequences to the whole project but in the end there was pretty general agreement that the memorial was properly placed. The monument is of Vermont granite and its cost was $8,000."



This is a model of the statue to be erected in Racine to the memory of President and Mrs. Abraham Lincoln. Sculptor Frederick C. Hibbard is positive that no other American city ever erected a statue of both Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln.

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RACINE, WISCONSIN

L. D. POTTER
WM. H. SMITH

June 17, 1941.

Dr. Lewis A. Warren,
Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.,
Lincoln Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Warren:

I am the attorney for the executor of the estate of Lena Rosewall, deceased. Said deceased provided in her will that all of the residue of her said estate should be used to erect a monument to Abraham and Mary Lincoln with figures thereon representing them. The residue of said estate will amount to approximately $12000.00. Said monument is to be placed in one of the parks in this city.

We are almost ready to let the contract for the monument. We have done considerable investigating and work as to the type of monument but find that its selection presents some difficulties. In the first place, its uniqueness makes it difficult to plan. In the second place, what position the two figures representing Abraham and Mary Lincoln should be placed on the monument, that is, whether they should be both standing or whether one should be sitting and the other standing, and if so, which one should be sitting and which one standing. In the third place, what attitude should the figures have toward each other because of the generally accepted view by the public that Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln did not get along well together. In the fourth place, what period of their married life might this monument best represent and in the fifth place, the limited amount of money for such a monument. While there are other difficulties, the foregoing have been mentioned so that you will understand some of the difficulties confronting us.

We recognize you as one of the outstanding authorities of the life of Abraham Lincoln and feel certain that you also have, no doubt, given considerable time and study to the life of the wife of so great a man, and that because of your knowledge of this family, that you would be in a position to

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offer some valuable and sound advice in the planning of such a monument, thus we write you as a student of Lincoln to see if you are interested in this monument and if you would be willing to give us some of your time to discuss it with you at some time in the near future.

Very truly yours,

POTTER AND SMITH

By L. D. Potter

LDP:H

June 20, 1941

Mr. L. D. Potter
Potter and Smith
316 Arcade Building
423 Main Street
Racine, Wisconsin

My dear Mr. Potter:

Next week Wednesday, June 25, I am scheduled to speak at a luncheon in Appleton, Wisconsin. I find I can get a train out of there at 4:00 P. M. and arrive in Racine at 7:30 P. M. on Wednesday.

If you would care to plan an interview for that evening, I would be pleased to discuss with you the possibilities of a Lincoln memorial such as you suggest.

Please let me know definitely by the first of the week whether or not you wish to have me stop at Racine.

Yours very truly,

LAW:AT

Director

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RACINE, WISCONSIN

L. D. POTTER
WM. H. SMITH

June 21, 1941.

Dr. Louis A. Warren,
Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Warren:

Thanks for your kind and courteous letter of the 20th inst., and I assure you that I will be very happy to have you stop at Racine on Wednesday evening, June 25, at 7:30 P. M. We will meet the 7:30 train.

Very truly yours,

POTTER AND SMITH,

By L. D. Potter

LDP:H

June 24, 1941

Mr. L. [illegible]. Potter
Potter and Smith
316 Arcade Building
423 Main Street
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Potter:

Dr. Warren will arrive on the 7:30 P.M. train in Racine on June 25 and will be pleased to have you meet him.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to Dr. Warren

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June 24, 1941

Mr. L. F. Potter
Potter and Smith
316 Arcade Building
423 Main Street
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Potter:

Dr. Warren will arrive on the 7:30 P.M. train in Racine on June 25 and will be pleased to have you meet him.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to Dr. Warren

July 2, 1941

Mr. L. D. Potter
Potter and Smith
316 Arcade Bldg.
423 Main St.
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Potter:

Your Lincoln memorial project grows upon me the more I think of it and I believe you have a rare opportunity to do a very new and wonderful thing in sculptural art.

I am firmly convinced you do not have enough money for a good heroic bronze statue of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln but I think you do have sufficient funds for using bronze busts of both Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln which will do away with the difficulty of their respective heights, overcoming that undesirable feature, and also solving the problem of the aristocratic dress for Mrs. Lincoln as the bust could be highly ornamented to resemble her finery.

What is called an exebra in sculptural art, a copy of which I enclose, would be admirable for a grouping of the two busts, although it rather appears to me that they might appear through a stone lattice effect so that they could be viewed from either side of the granite background. I am making a rough sketch of what I mean and think it might be very important in carrying out the new idea of creating atmosphere for the statue by the park surroundings.

If the memorial is to be by the lake, by standing in a certain position one might look through this aperture opening and see the profile of Mrs. Lincoln with the waters of the lake as a background. Viewing the statues from the other side, or the busts preferably called, they might receive the green terraces as a background or possibly weeping willow trees along by the water might be planted to give even another background which could be viewed from a certain point. Mrs. Lincoln's fondness of flowers might suggest the making of a rose garden which could from another viewpoint be the background of the bust of Mrs. Lincoln. This, it appears to me, would give a very unique and interesting

departure from the usual types of memorials and would give to the whole setting an admirable atmosphere and I am sure that your Park Board would be very pleased indeed to collaborate in such an undertaking.

Next week while in New England I shall call on Mr. Arthur S. Guy of the Barre Granite Association at Barre, Vermont, and possibly have him send you on some suggestions with respect to the stone work in such a project.

I am firmly convinced that whatever you do will cause nationwide attention, especially if the project is dedicated on the 100th anniversary of the marriage of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln.

I shall be very glad indeed to hear of your progress and trust you will feel free to call upon me for any information you think I may be able to offer.

Trusting you may receive a study from Mr. Guy which may in a measure be an approach to what I have in mind, I am

Very truly yours,

Director

LAW:BST

P. S. If you care to reach me while I am in New England my address will be c/o C. Arthur Marsh, Holden, Mass. where I expect to be until about July 16.

THE BARRE GRANITE ASSOCIATION, INC.

QUARRIERS AND MANUFACTURERS

BARRE, VERMONT

ARTHUR S. GUY
GENERAL MANAGER

July 17, 1941

L. D. Potter, Esq.
Potter & Smith, Attys.
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Potter:

Dr. Louis A. Warren and the writer had a chat today with reference to the memorial to Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln. It is a very interesting situation and this is to inform you that we will be very glad to cooperate in any way that we can.

It seems to me, however, that we ought to draw on our wide field of connections, most of which have a national reputation for creative ideas in connection with matters of this kind, and after we have had time to make a proper job of it, we will get in touch with you again.

As the Doctor said he had suggested that you get in touch with us, we thought we had better advise you that we have already seen him and that we have enough preliminary information to put together some ideas.

Cordially yours,

Arthur S. Guy

ASG/sdc

July 21, 1941

Mr. L. D. Potter
Potter and Smith
316 Arcade Bldg.
423 Main St.
Racine, Wis.

My dear Mr. Potter:

Just back from my vacation I am pleased to advise you that I had the pleasure of talking with Arthur S. Guy of the Barre Granite Association at Barre, Vermont, and he seemed very enthusiastic about the possibilities of a monument to Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln.

I think it is likely you will hear from him and if you finally propose to use considerable granite in the memorial, I think probably he can be of very great help to you.

Please do not fail to contact me if you feel I can be of any further assistance to your project.

Very truly yours,

LAW:BST

Director

Copy

Racine Public Library, Racine, Wis.
August 28, 1942.

Mr. A.H. Griffith,
Route 2,
Cleftstark, Wisconsin.

Dear Mr. Griffith:

We can not account for a statue of Lincoln by Jan Van Bergen in Racine, though yours is the second request we've had for information about it.

The only statue of Lincoln in Racine at the present time bears the following inscription on a plate, "Cast by the American Art Bronze Foundry (Chicago). Leonard Volk, Sc." It stands on the triangular plat at the intersection of State, Summit and Hamilton Streets. Donors, the community and former graduates of Lincoln School through the Lincoln Monument association. Unveiled Tuesday, February 12, 1934.

The size, 7 feet 4 inches high on a base 24 inches square. The bottom base is of granite rock 5 feet by 6 feet, and the second base is 3 feet by 6 feet, surmounted with a section of Barre, Vermont, polished granite.

Oshkosh R. 2, Wis., Aug. 31. 1942.

Dear Friend:

It is a thankless job to offer information. However, I shall take the risk.

Owing to the fact that you had no information as to the date of dedicating the heroic bronze statue of Lincoln in Racine; owing also to the fact that you spelled the sculptor's name in one letter, Van den Bergen; in another letter, Van den Burgen, — owing to these facts I wrote to Public Library in Racine, Wis., asking for data on the Lincoln statue in Racine. I enclose the librarian's reply, in copy.

It may be that you got your statues and pictures mixed, and that there is a Lincoln statue by Van den Bergen in some other city. If so, kindly let me know.

Yours,

Albert H. Griffith.

I would like to know whether the photo. I wrote about is the Lincoln statue in Racine you sent me is really in Racine? If not, where is it?

The foundation and installation
was done by the B. H. Meyers Company,
622 Sixth Street, Racine.

Very truly yours,

Martha Merrell,
per E. B.
Librarian.

Oct 1 - 1992.

Gentlemen

verry sorry can not give you any information of this deal

because Mr. B. H. Meyers died in 1937 and every thing was disbanded and shop closed up.

therfor I can not give you any correct informations

I am answering this letter because your mail was delivered to

Racine Monument Wks
in Racine Wisc

Thank you
P Mehls
D. J. Mayer

October 2, 1942

Public Library
Racine, Wisconsin

Gentlemen:

There are some conflicting reports about the Lincoln statue in Racine and I am wondering if you could help us get the difference straightened.

According to Mr. Alfred J. Borchen of the American Art Bronze Foundry the statue was sculptored by Van Den Berger and purchased from them in 1923.

We are informed that there is a dedication plate on the base of the statue which reads as follows: "Cast by the American Art Bronze Foundry [Chicago]. Leonard Volk, Sc. Unveiled Tuesday February 12th, 1934."

February 12th did not fall on Tuesday in 1934 but did in 1924.

Can you help us?

Yours very truly,

M. A. Cook

RACINE PUBLIC LIBRARY
RACINE, WISCONSIN

MARTHA B. MERRELL, LIBRARIAN

October 6, 1942

Mr. M. A. Cook
Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Mr. Cook:

There certainly do seem to be some conflicting reports about the Lincoln statue in Racine. Altho the Art Bronze Foundry cast the statue they say that Van Den Berger was the sculptor, but the inscription on a plate on the statue, a copy of which we sent to you in a letter dated Oct. 13, 1939, says "Cast by American Art Bronze Foundry (Chicago) - Leonard Volk, Sc."

The plate does not indicate the date of the unveiling of the statue but information from our newspapers reveals that the unveiling took place Tuesday, February 12th 1924. It was donated by the community and former graduates of Lincoln school through the Lincoln Monument Association.

The size of the statue is 7 feet 4 inches high on a base 24 inches square. The bottom base is of granite rock 5 feet by 6 feet and the second base is 3 feet by 6 feet surmounted with a section of Barre Vt., polished granite.

The foundation and installation was done by the B. H. Meyers Company, 622 Sixth Street, Racine.

Yours very sincerely,

Ethel M. Yontz

Head of the Adult Department

September 1, 1942

Mr. Alfred J. Berchem
American Art Bronze Foundry
4921-31 West Lake Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Berchem:

I am wondering if your could be of help to us to explain the following.

In a letter to Dr. L. A. Warren on November 21, 1934 you wrote "The other Lincoln statue is at Racine, Wisc., a 7'4" overall statue, erected by in 1915, by the B. H. Meyers Monument Company of that city. This statue was sculptored by Van Den Bergen."

In a letter sent to Mr. A. H. Griffith on August 28, 1942 by the Racine Public Library is the following "The only statue of Lincoln in Racine at the present time bears the following inscription on a plate 'Cast By The American Art Bronze Foundry [Chicago]. Leonard Volk, Sc.'.....Unveiled Tuesday, February 12, 1934."

A stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

M. A. Cook

MAC/c

September 17, 1942

Mr. Alfred J. Borchen
American Art Bronze Foundry
4921-31 West Lake Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Borchen:

We are very much interested to know your reaction to our letter of September 1st in which we related the statement about the bronze statue of Abraham Lincoln in Racine.

If not asking too much, could we have your statement at this time regarding the Racine statue?

Yours very truly,

M. A. Cook

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Mr. M. A. Cook,
Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Cook:

Acknowledging your letters of September 1st and the 17th, your first reached here during my two months of absence, due to operations having ceased here for the duration.

Going back over records and correspondence with you, my letter of November 21st 1934 stated that the statue was purchased in 1915. Where this date came from I am at loss to know, as our ledger account shows the purchase made in September 1923.

This statue may bear a plate with the inscription 'Cast by the American Art Bronze Foundry-(Chicago) Leonard Volk, Sc', unveiled Tuesday February 12th 1934. This date being almost eleven years after purchase ? Rather the date 1934 should have read 1924, which would account for the purchase in advance of unveiling, a reasonable proceedure.

Now in regards to the correct sculptor's name ? Leonard Volk or Vanden Bergen ? In a letter addressed to you under date of October 21st 1939; "At this time we can find but ONE statue, the one erected by the B.H. Meyers Monument Co. of Racine, Wisc. This statue is of our manufacture, and the model is by Van Den Bergen. Just why the sculptor's name appears as Leonard Volk, Sc,is quite a mystery. It is the writer's opinion that the finisher inscribed this name to give the statue More authenticity, not realizing that a quarter (not quite 19 years) of a century later it would come to light."

The statue is a replica of the one furnished at Clinton, Ill, so verification can be made that the sculptor was Van den Bergen. My curiosity is being somewhat aroused by the fact that the unveiling date is as 1934, and our sales date is set as 1923.

Page Two attached.

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Fort Wayne, Indiana.

To my mind this last fact indicates one of two things, a typographical error, or a new plate has been attached either on the statue or granite pedestal. Should I have the opportunity to be in Racine, I shall most certainly try to clear up the point in question.

May these outlines assist you in your work, so will thank you to keep me advised, I remain,

Yours very truly,

AMERICAN ART BRONZE FOUNDRY
Jules Berchem's Son-

Alfred J. Berchem

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LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE FOUNDATION

LOUIS A. WARREN
DIRECTOR

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

September 21, 1942

B. H. Meyers Monument Company
Racine, Wisconsin

Gentlemen:

I have just had considerable correspondence regarding the Lincoln statue which is located in Racine and which I understand was erected by your company. This statue was made by the American Art Bronze Foundry, Chicago.

According to Mr. Alfred J. Berchem of the American Art Bronze Foundry the statue was sculptored by Van Den Bergen and purchased from them in 1923.

We are informed that there is a dedication plate on the base of the statue which reads as follows: "Cast by the American Art Bronze Foundry [Chicago]. Leonard Volk, Sc, unveiled Tuesday February 12th, 1934."

Can you explain why Volk's name appears?

February 12, 1934 falls on a Monday and not Tuesday according to our calendars. February 12, 1924 did fall on a Tuesday. Was the statue dedicated in 1924 and the date 1934 an error in the information from the Racine Public Librafy?

Your help in answering the above two questions will be greatly appreciated. A stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Yours very truly,

M. A. Cook

MAC/c

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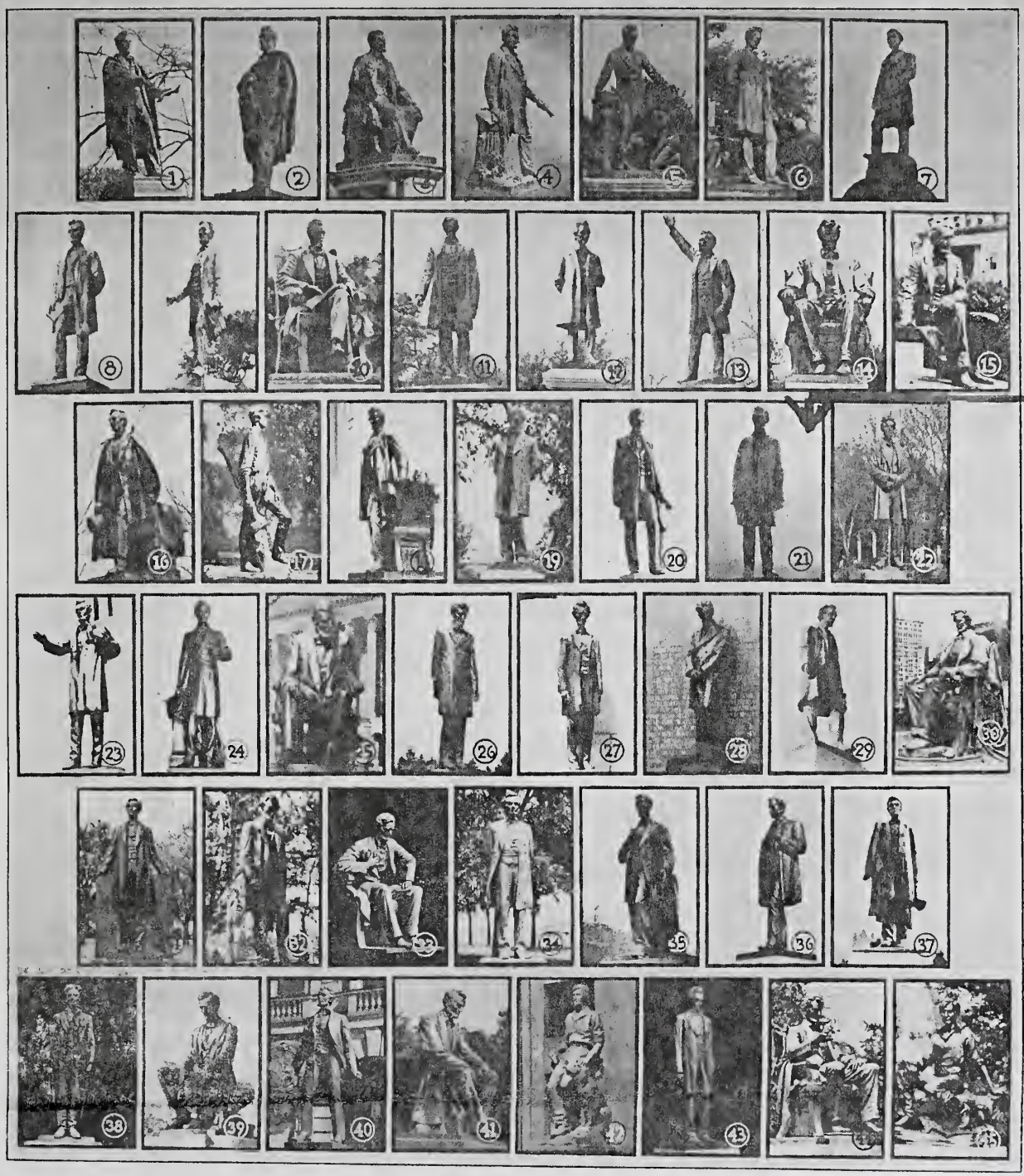
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July 3, 1943.

Mr. W. L. Fisher, Advertising Manager,
The Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Fisher:-

I will hand to Dr. Warren tomorrow, various photographs, newspaper copy, etc., in connection with the Lincoln monument dedication which is to be held Sunday, and at which Dr. Warren will give the principal address.

You will probably get further reports from Dr. Warren, but I fully expect that this event will be very well attended, and we should get some very fine dignified advertising out of it.

You will probably be chiefly interested in the reproduction of the photograph and historical data on the reverse side thereof, which was compiled largely by yourself. We are putting out 1500 of these, and they will be distributed with the program by Boy Scouts at the event. We have a very fine window display, which the small snap-shot does not do justice to. The large picture is 29 x 40, and is a blown up copy of the composite picture we took. However, it will give you an idea of what we have done in the line of publicity, and with this I will let Dr. Warren tell you just how the matter was received.

The expense has been far greater than we anticipated. Our expense is running pretty close to $200.00, but as the only appropriation the c mpany would make was $40.00, I would ask that you kindly send this along when convenient, and again thanking you for your valued assistance, I am

Yours very truly,

OF
FAGAN-NEWELL-McQUEEN COMPANY

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Racine, Wisconsin

July 28, 1943.

Mr. Fred L. Fisher, Advertising Manager,
Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Fisher:- Re: Mary Todd and Abraham Lincoln
Statue expense.

I have finally been able to get this matter entirely closed, and have been waiting to do so before I wrote you in detail regarding the event. At the outset I want to say not only for myself, but for all those I spoke to who attended the dedication, the program was perfect, and Dr. Warren outdid himself. There were a number of comments made that reached me that they could have listened for hours to him, and this is no idle statement. Everyone else on the program likewise was good, and we had a crowd conservatively estimated at 1500 present.

We ordered 1500 of the photos, which as you know we had to pull every string imaginable to get out, and there was a demand after the event for more, so we got an additional 500. These are all gone with the exception of about 100, and we had not only a great many people drop in for them but had inquiries by mail.

I am enclosing the bills in connection with the event which you will notice total $ 171.60 exclusive of the participation in the luncheon Sunday afternoon after the dedication services. I appreciate this expense ran higher than we anticipated, but the event had to be done right.

I am submitting the total trnasaction to you, together with newspaper comments for what action you feel warranted to take in the matter of expense. Irrespective of what it costs us, we are satisfied with the job done, and want to thank you for your assistance as well as that of Dr. Warren.

Yours very truly,

T. S. McQueen

OF
FAGAN-NEWELL-McQUEEN COMPANY

Dictated but not read
by Mr. T. S. McQueen.

TSM•MB

Kenosha County Historical Society

(Exhibit in Kenosha County Court House)
Established 1926
Kenosha, Wisconsin



July 18, 1943.

The Fagan - Newell - McQueen Co.
Racine, Wisconsin.

Dear Sirs:-

After reading in the issue of July 6th of The Racine Journal Times, the account of the dedication of your new Lincoln Monument, I note the free distribution of souvenir program and glossy print picture of the monument.

As I was unable to attend the dedication and I am interested in collecting pictures and information for the Kenosha County Historical Society Exhibit, located in several rooms of our Court House. You know in the year 1850 Kenosha became an offspring of Racine so we should keep an eye on how our parents behave.

I thank you "Dad" for any favor you may extend,

Respectfelly yours,

C. E. Dewey

President.

C. E. Dewey
1005 - 61st Street
Kenosha, Wisconsin.

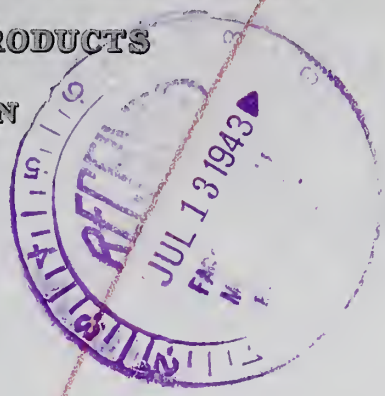
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July 10, 1943.



Mr. Thomas McQueen,
212 Fifth St.,
Racine, Wis.

Dear Mr. McQueen:

Under separate cover I am sending you a few Lincoln items of mine. This in a small way is intended to repay you for the five pictures of the Mary Todd - Abraham Lincoln Statue I received through the courtesy of your company.

I sent one of the pictures to the Honorable George A. Dondero, M.C., from Michigan. He wrote, "Many thanks --------. This is rather a unique distinction for the citizens of Racine to have the first monument ------ to Mary Todd. I knew her sister Emilie very well and Mrs. Dondero and I were guests in her home for a week." I also sent a picture to Mr. Wm. H. Townsend of Lexington, Ky. I know he will truly appreciate it. He is one of the most prominent attorneys in Kentucky and the possessor of one of the finest Lincoln collections in the United States. Many of his items were intimate possessions of the Lincoln family. In fact, he owns Abraham Lincoln's law books. Lexington was also the home of Mary Todd.

Have you copywrited the picture? And, whether you have or not, could I contact the photographer or printer in order to get a few more copies? I would like his name. There are still quite a few Lincoln students throughout the country to whom I would like to send the picture.

The Fagan-Newell-McQueen Company is to be congratulated on their thoughtfulness in having this picture taken for the public. It was a beautiful gesture of good will.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Arthur C. Hansen, M.D.

Arthur C. Hansen, M.D.

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July 10, 1943.

Arthur C. Hansen, M.D.,
2565 N. 84th St.,
Wauwatosa, Wis.

Dear Doctor:-

I want to acknowledge receipt of three copies of "The Railsplitter's Philosophy".

I want to thank you sincerely for your thoughtfulness.

Yours very truly,

OF
FAGAN_NEWELL_McQUEEN COMPANY

TSM:MB

Worcester, Mass.
July 23, 1943.

Gentlemen:

Have you any more copies of the photograph of your beautiful statue of Mary Todd and her famous husband.

I am a Lincoln collector and would like one or a few if they are available, as I have a number of friends who are Lincoln lovers.

Thanking you in advance I remain truly

yours a lover of the
famous Lincoln.
Alfred R. Messier.
141 Austin st.
Worcester, Mass.

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Fagen-Newell-McQueen Company
Racine, Wisconsin

July 30, 1943

Attention: Mr. T. S. McQueen

Dear Mr. McQueen:

Thank you for your letter of July 28th and its enclosures.

From the material you sent, it is quite evident that the statue dedication was an outstanding success. I am glad to know that Dr. Warren's part in the program was so well received.

The Fagen-Newell-McQueen Company certainly received some splendid publicity, as did the Lincoln museum and the Company.

According to our previous agreement, I have already sent you a check for $40. I am returning the bills you enclosed, with this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Advertising Manager

F.L.Fisher/EC

COPY

Racine, Wisconsin
July 29, 1941

Mr. Arthur S. Guy, General Manager
The Barre Granite Association
Barre, Vermont

Dear Mr. Guy:

I want to thank you very kindly for your letter of the 17th inst., and assure you that we will be very glad to hear from you again after you have drawn upon your wide field of connections which you mentioned in your letter.

We have been giving this matter considerable consideration and would like to know definitely what we're going to do within the next sixty days.

Cordially yours,

POTTER & SMITH

BY L. D. Potter

July 31, 1941

L. D. Potter, Esq.
Potter & Smith, Attys.,
423 Main Street
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Potter:

Yours of July 29th just received.

Since our last letter to you we have had an opportunity to get a number of ideas on a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln.

It has developed that it will be necessary for the writer to be in Chicago within the next two or three weeks with Mr. Leland of New York City, who is one of our consultants and a recognized authority on memorial design.

In view of the foregoing situation and the fact that it is only a short distance up to Racine, we thought it would be a good idea if Leland and I went up to see you gentlemen which would give us an opportunity of discussing our ideas at first hand, and also look at the site of the memorial, which or course is an important factor in creating the design.

Will you please advise me if it would be convenient for us to see you Monday, July 11th in Racine?

Cordially yours,

ASG/sdc

ARTHUR S. GUY



THE BARRE GRANITE ASSOCIATION, INC.

QUARRIERS AND MANUFACTURERS

BARRE, VERMONT

ARTHUR S. GUY
GENERAL MANAGER

July 31st
1941

Dr. Louis A. Warren
Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Dr. Warren:

We are enclosing herewith a copy of letter just received from Potter & Smith and also a copy of our letter to them which will be self-explanatory.

In connection with our trip out there, I am wondering if you would like to go up there at the same time? We have put a good deal of thought into this situation and I believe it has tremendous possibilities. We could much better discuss it on the way up to Racine if you could meet us in Chicago for instance, but if that is not going to be convenient, why, I will write you fully when we get back. In the meantime will you please tell me whether you can go or not and if we are to meet in Chicago, perhaps you could suggest a meeting place that would be convenient and not delay us in getting on to Wisconsin.

I have not looked up the trains from Chicago to Racine. Leland and I plan to take the Twentieth Century Limited which is due to arrive in Chicago at 8 a.m. E.S.T. on Monday, August 10th. We could meet you at say the Stevens or whatever railroad terminal we have to go to to go on to Racine.

I hope you and your family had a pleasant trip on your vacation and also that it will be possible for you to go up to Racine with us.

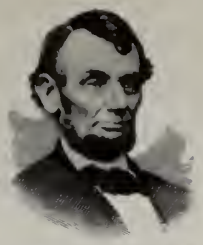
Cordially yours,

Arthur Guy

ASG/sdc

Thanks Doctor Warren. Let's not know this man unless Let's know Mary then in the summer. A.S.G.

FAGAN-NEWELL-McQUEEN COMPANY
GENERAL AGENTS



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RACINE, WISCONSIN

Its name indicates its character

The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company

August 7, 1942

Lincoln National Life Insurance Co
Fort Wayne
Indiana

Attention: Dr. L. A. Warren

Dear Mr. Warren:

Re: Lincoln Statue

Mr. Potter called me today and told me that Dr. Hubbard would like to see you in Chicago next week on Thursday or Friday if possible. Mr. Potter, Mr. Smith, and I will arrange to meet you at Dr. Hubbard's studio. Will you kindly let me know if either one of these days is satisfactory, and if not what other day will be convenient for you to go down there.

Please let me know as soon as possible so I can make arrangements with Mr. Potter and make sure that Dr. Hubbard can be there.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Reed

J. H. Reed
OF FAGAN_NEWELL_MCQUEEN CO

JHR:meb

Aug. 10, 1942

Mr. J. H. Reed
Fagan-Newell -McQueen Co.
212 Fifth St.
Racine, Wisconsin

My dear Mr. Reed:

I can meet Mr. Hubbard this week, Thursday or Friday at any time you may suggest. Kindly advise place of meeting and what day you select.

Very truly yours,

LAW:MP

Director

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Mr. J. H. Reed
Fagan-Newell-McQueen Co.
212 Fifth St.
Racine, Wisconsin

Make Chicago engagement Thursday if possible.

Dr. L. A. Warren

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Aug. 12, 1942

Mr. J. H. Reed
Fagan-Newell-McQueen Co.
212 Fifth St.
Racine, Wisconsin

Myddear Mr. Reed:

This is to confirm our engagement with Dr. Hubbard for Friday a.m., August 14, 10 o'clock, at 926 E. 60th St., Chicago University.

Very truly yours,

LAW:MP

Director

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THE BARRE GRANITE ASSOCIATION, INC.

QUARRIERS AND MANUFACTURERS

BARRE, VERMONT

ARTHUR S. GUY
GENERAL MANAGER

August 7, 1941

L. D. Potter, Esq.
Potter & Smith, Attys.
423 Main Street
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Potter:

We have just had word from Chicago that it will be necessary to put forward our visit out there just about a week.

I hope it will be just as convenient for you to see us then and as soon as I know when we are to be in Chicago, I will either write you or wire for a definite date.

Sorry to be delayed but I guess it cannot be helped. We will look forward with pleasure to meeting you a little later on.

Cordially yours,

ASG/sdc

September 18, 1941

Mr. L. D. Potter
Potter and Smith
316 Arcade Bldg.
423 Main St.
Racine, Wis.

Dear Mr. Potter:

Curiosity, I expect, has prompted me to write you with reference to what has been done with respect to the monument to Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln, to be erected in Racine.

I had quite a long visit with Mr. Guy at Barre, Vermont, and he seemed intensely interested in the project. How has the matter progressed?

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director

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POTTER AND SMITH

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW

316 ARCADE BUILDING

423 MAIN STREET

RACINE, WISCONSIN

L. D. POTTER
WM. H. SMITH

September 19, 1941.

Dr. Louis A. Warren,
Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Warren:

Thanks for your kind letter of the 18th instant. In reply to same, we are happy to state that on the 18th day of August, Mr. Guy and Mr. Leland of Barre, Vermont, were here to see us concerning the monument to be erected to Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln. Mr. Guy had in mind the thought that if he could get the Barre Granite Association to take over the making of the monument, that it would be able to give us a monument worth from 2 to 2 1/2 times the amount available for the monument, for the amount we have for it. In other words, the association might be able to get some sculptor to plan the monument for the honor of it or a very small sum and also to get much of the material contributed at actual cost because of the historic significance of such a monument.

We asked Mr. Guy to permit us to consider his suggestion and after so doing, we wrote him and informed him we were very much interested in the proposition but we would like to have it in more detail than discussed. On August 27, we received a letter from his secretary to the effect that he was laid up with a cold and that as soon as he had fully recovered, he would get into communication with us. As yet, we have not heard from him. On September 17, I wrote him making inquiries as to his health and also inquiring if he had made any progress along the lines he discussed with us when he was here.

Pardon me for discussing this matter in detail but appreciating your interest and enthusiasm in it, I want to give you the complete picture. We like Mr. Guy's suggestions and feel that they should be worked out somewhat in detail before we can commit ourselves so that we will know what the estate funds will provide.

Also, Mr. Frederick W. Hibbard, one of Chicago's leading sculptors, is very anxious to make the monument and informs us that he will give us two standing figures, heroic size, of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln, in bronze, and that the stone base would have to be very simple and plain on account of the amount of money avail-

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L. D. POTTER
WM. H. SMITH

able for such an undertaking. He also informs us that he usually gets considerably more for one such figure in the monuments that he has already done. Mr. Hibbard has made several monuments of some of our leading statesmen and countrymen. He also appreciates the historic significance of this particular monument.

If you feel that you are at liberty to discuss this further by letter or otherwise with Mr. Guy, you have our consent to do so.

We want to thank you for your splendid cooperation and interest in this matter and we want to assure you of our appreciation to you for your interest and enthusiasm because we fully realize that this is a matter in which we need expert advice.

Very truly yours,

POTTER AND SMITH

By L. D. Potter

LDP:H

Racine

September 22, 1941

Mr. Arthur S. Guy, Gen. Mgr.
Barre Granite Association
Barre, Vermont

My dear Mr. Guy:

I have just received a letter from Mr. Potter of Racine, Wisconsin, with respect to the Abraham and Mary Lincoln memorial and he tells me you in company with Mr. Leland went over the project with him.

His letter also advises me that they are still seriously considering a bronze statue of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln and it appears to me that unless something is done on the part of your organization in the very near future, the opportunity to do an outstanding, dignified piece of work to the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln will be lost.

I think I talking with you I made it quite plain that it mattered little who the sculpture might be and that it would be next to impossible to interpret in bronze a satisfactory memorial to Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln.

The only son of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln to survive maturity was Robert Lincoln, a resident of Vermont, who died in Vermont state and who descendants still make Vermont their summer home.

While it may be too late now to do anything in time for the 100th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd's marriage in November, yet that fact should not stand in the way of a dignified and impressive memorial to Abraham Lincoln and his wife.

I trust you will pardon my intrusion but inasmuch as I am intensely interested in the historical significance of this memorial, I could not refrain from expressing my hopes that even yet the project which we discussed might be carried out.

Very truly yours,

LAW:BST

Director

CC: L. D. Potter

September 22, 1941

Mr. L. D. Potter
Potter & Smith
316 Arcade Bldg.
423 Main St.
Racine, Wisconsin

My dear Mr. Potter:

Thank you for your very prompt and gracious reply to our letter with reference to the Abraham and Mary Lincoln memorial and with your permission I am immediately writing to Mr. Guy to inquire if possible what his reaction was toward the project. You will please find enclosed a copy of my letter to him. With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

LAW:BST
Enc.

Director

THE BARRE GRANITE ASSOCIATION, INC.

QUARRIERS AND MANUFACTURERS

BARRE, VERMONT

ARTHUR S. GUY
GENERAL MANAGER

October 1, 1941

L. D. Potter, Esq.
Potter & Smith, Attys.
423 Main Street
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Potter:

Since Leland and I visited with you and Mr. Smith there has hardly been a day go buy that our Association problems have not been made more difficult by the defense program. It has been necessary to spend so much time on that phase of operations here and out of town that there has been little left for anything else and it is the main reason why I have been delayed in writing to you.

We finally have just had an opportunity of fully discussing what might be done to cooperate with you along the lines already tentatively gone over. Considering all angles and especially the rapid developments of the past few months which have created a situation of such uncertainty for the future, we were forced to conclude that in fairness to you and to ourselves we could not make any definite proposition to you that the Association could be sure of fulfilling.

We are exceedingly sorry that we cannot be of some service and also regret that we could not have foreseen conditions before we discussed the matter with you at all. However, our interest was sincere and our intentions of the best, and we certainly could not prevent the development of these upsetting conditions.

I appreciate very much the courtesies of you and Mr. Smith and we still hope that it will be possible for you to use Barre granite. My best personal regards to you both.

Sincerely,

ASG/sdc

THE BARRE GRANITE ASSOCIATION, INC.

QUARRIERS AND MANUFACTURERS

BARRE, VERMONT

ARTHUR S. GUY
GENERAL MANAGER

October 2, 1941

Dr. Louis A. Warren
Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Dr. Warren:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter that I have written to Mr. Potter in regard to the Mary Todd Lincoln memorial.

There is nothing much I can add to the letter except to say that the operating conditions have caused so many dislocations already and forecast even greater problems, that we feel that it would be entire unsatisfactory all around to go further into the matter at this time. We had in mind creating something that would be decidedly worth while through a cooperation of the entire industry but the time is not ripe to do it and there is no point in ducking the facts.

I appreciate very much your having brought the matter to our attention and I am sorry that we cannot do anything about it. If business or pleasure brings you east again I would like very much to see you.

Cordially yours,

Arthur S. Guy

ASG/sdc
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RACINE, WISCONSIN

L. D. POTTER
WM. H. SMITH

October 3, 1941.

Dr. Louis A. Warren, Director,
Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Warren:

We have just received a letter from Mr. Guy informing us that because of the upset conditions created by the defense program, his association will be unable to do anything concerning the monument to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Lincoln.

It is possible that the defense program may cause us considerable difficulty with this matter and especially so because of the limited amount of money available for it.

We have nothing definite in mind at this time, however, we do expect that the sculptor whom we referred to in one of our previous letters, may be contacting us very shortly.

We are very sorry that Mr. Guy was not able to proceed with his suggestion. Before we do anything definite in this matter, we will discuss the matter with you because of your interest in it.

Sincerely yours,

POTTER AND SMITH,

By L. D. Potter

LDP:H

October 7, 1941

Mr. L. D. Potter
Potter & Smith
316 Arcade Bldg.
423 Main St.
Racine, Wis.

My dear Mr. Potter:

I expect we may anticipate a great many plans to be interrupted by the so-called emergency through which we are passing and I exceedingly regret that apparently you will not be able to have the cooperation of Mr. Guy and his granite interests which I think would have been a tremendously fine contribution to the memorial.

I am confident, however, that you will work out a program so that the Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln memorial will be something about which we may all feel very proud.

Very truly yours,

LAW:BST

Director

Plan Statue To Abe Lincoln And His Wife

Will Be Unveiled In a Park Here On Nov. 4

June 8 1942 Rac

Racine on Wednesday, Nov. 4—the 100th anniversary of the marriage of Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd—will unveil the first statue ever erected in the United States to a president and his wife (in fact to any prominent American). This statue is the gift of a pioneer resident, Miss Lena Rosewall, who died on May 9, 1935, leaving her entire estate for this purpose.

It is expected that unveiling of the monument, which is of heroic size will make Racine the mecca of Lincoln-lore students, admirers of the martyred president, historians, scholars, sculptors and students from all parts of the nation. It is the work of Frederick C. Hibbard, Chicago sculptor.

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Soldier Monument Erected.

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Thomas Lincoln—or Taddie, died in 1871 while Robert lived until 1926, most of the time in Chicago, and once served as a cabinet member. Mrs. Lincoln died in her home on July 16, 1882. Two other sons died before president's assassination, Edward Baker, the second, in infancy, and William Wallace, the first year of their stay in Washington.

Eugene W. Leach, Racine historian who died a few years ago, wrote the following for the Jan. 16, 1926 edition of the Racine Journal-News, to describe Mrs. Lincoln's visit here:

"The late Mr. Charles Buckingham, in an interview I had with him a few years ago, told me that in the 60s and for many years after he had a shoe store on Main street, between Fourth and Fifth, and that he saw Mrs. Lincoln and the boy almost every day. They lived at Congress Hall, Racine's best hotel, located at the southwest corner of Lake avenue and Third street, and it was their practice to walk up Main street to about Fourteenth, and back every pleasant day, presumably for exercise, and he saw them very frequently. I have had the same story, in its essentials, from the lips of others also, but am not able to fix the year, except that it was soon after the death of the president."

In the same article, Mr. Leach said there is no evidence to prove that Lincoln ever visited Racine after he had attained national prominence, and, said Mr. Leach, Lincoln certainly never visited after his election to the White House.

Douglas avenue recreation center which for years was known as Union park, adopted the name of Lincoln in 1925 and was so called until 1838 when it was named Douglas.

When ball games, indoor games and field events were to be staged there, it became the custom to say "Douglas park" and the practice ultimately led to adoption of the name.

Little Giant Wins.

So, Lincoln, who bested Stephen Arnold Douglas in a series of debates in his early political careers, "unjustly lost the name of Little Giant" in nomenclature of one of Racine's parks.

However, the martyred president has a school here named after him, Lincoln school, on the northeast corner of State street and Summit avenue; Lincoln hospital at 2018 Prospect street; one club, Lincoln Fortress; 12 business houses, four members of the Lincoln family, and a statue on Northwestern avenue. Racine's only other monument to Abraham Lincoln was dedicated on July 4, 1894. Volume 1 of the History of Racine County says:

Soldier Monument Erected.

"Soon after the organization of Gov. Rounds Post (GAR) in January, 1881, active steps were taken toward securing a soldiers' monument for Racine. A building committee was appointed, of which Commander C. C. Porter was chairman, and its members began at once to solicit subscriptions for that purpose and were so successful that at the Memorial day exercises in May of that year they were able to report $2,800 raised. In the winter of 1881-82 a great six-day fair was held in the opera house which was liberally patronized by the people and which netted the monument fund $3,800. When sufficient funds had been secured and observations secured, the committee contracted for the monument, and on July 4, 1884, in the presence of thousands of citizens, it was dedicated. It had been decided to have a joint celebration of the semi-centennial anniversary of the founding of the city and the monument's dedication. There had been some objection to the location of the monument on the Square which for a time threatened serious consequences to the whole project but in the end there was pretty general agreement that the memorial was properly placed. The monument is of Vermont granite and its cost was $8,000."

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An admirer of the great liberator, Miss Rosewall made a study of Lincoln-lore. She became impressed with the part Mrs. Lincoln played in developing the Lincoln character and leading him on to greatness. So in her will, Miss Rosewall directed that a monument to both should be her gift to Racine.

A sister, Mrs. Fanny Houdek, and a brother, John Rosewall, both of South Milwaukee, contested the will in the fall of 1935 on the grounds that their sister was mentally unbalanced, but Judge J. Allan Simpson ruled that Miss Rosewall was competent and that the will should be entered for probate. Relatives appealed to the Wisconsin supreme court, which in 1937 upheld the ruling, however, and the will was entered for probate in the Racine court.

Recently Liquidated.

Because of financial conditions at that time, Mr. Smith, on advice of his partner, Louis D. Potter, decided not to attempt to liquidate the securities and assets, and it was only about a year ago, when conditions improved, that this was done.

Under terms of the will, selection of a sculptor, type of material to be used, location etc., all were left to Mr. Smith. Only exception was that round figures of heroic proportions, showing both Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln, should be erected.

Atty. Smith and Potter consulted with directors at the Chicago Art institute about a year ago and were given names of several famous sculptors in this immediate district.

Finally Frederick C. Hibbard, Chicago, was given the commission. Enthusiastic from the first, Mr. Hibbard said that to his knowledge no other American city has a statue of a famous American and his wife and he is positive that this is the only time anyone thought of so honoring Mrs. Lincoln.

Mr. Hibbard, co-operating with the executors, reduced his usual fee and took infinite pains to model his working groups. Lincoln's features were taken directly from a life mask. Lincoln-lore collectors, curators, artists and others assisted Mr. Hibbard so that his work could be authentic.

Famous In Midwest.

Mr. Hibbard, a graduate of the

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RACINE, WISCONSIN

L. D. POTTER
WM. H. SMITH

May 19, 1942.

Dr. Louis A. Warren, Director,
Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Warren:

Mr. Frederick C. Hibbard, 923 East 60th Street, Chicago, Illinois, is making the monument of Mary Todd and Abraham Lincoln as we indicated in a letter of last fall.

Mr. Hibbard has completed a scale model which we had the pleasure of inspecting today. We are very much pleased with it. It is our desire that you see this model before we approve it. Mr. Hibbard also wishes to have you see it.

If you are going to be in Chicago during the week we hope that you will inspect the model and give Mr. Hibbard and ourselves your criticisms. Mr. Hibbard stated that any time during the next week would be satisfactory with him, providing you inform him ahead of time. He is to be out of Chicago on Tuesday, May 26, 1942.

Mr. Hibbard is anxious to proceed with the work because of difficulties that may arise from the war program.

Very truly yours,

POTTER AND SMITH,

By Wm. H. Smith.

whs:l.

May 21, 1942

Mr. William H. Smith
316 Arcade Bldg.
423 Main St.
Racine, Wis.

My dear Mr. Smith:

I was pleased indeed to hear from you and learn that the project over which you have jurisdiction with respect to the monument to Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln is progressing.

I regret exceedingly that I will not be in Chicago during the next few days but it will be a pleasure indeed to see Mr. Hibbard's study on my next visit there.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director

June 11, 1942

Mr. John D. Roberts
The Racine Journal Times
Racine, Wis.

My dear Mr. Roberts:

Thank you very much for forwarding the very interesting clipping giving some information with respect to the statue to be dedicated in Racine portraying Abraham Lincoln and his wife.

You will please find under separate cover several little items we have prepared on Mary Lincoln which you are at liberty to use with the proper credit line. Itthink it would increase some interest in the story of Mary Todd Lincoln.

We would be very much pleased indeed if you would keep us in touch with the progress of the monument and also make available to us such slippings as may be of some interest.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director



"MARY TODD AND ABRAHAM LINCOLN."

Frederick C. Hibbard is represented in the current American Paintings and Sculpture exhibition at the Art institute with this model of the stunning group which is to be erected in granite at Racine, Wis. Mr. Hibbard is widely known for his fine work as a sculptor.

Chicago Trib
-7-/42

October 16, 1942

Mr. F.C. Hibbard
923 East 60th St.
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hibbard:

I am wondering whether or not you are to have your statue ready by November 4. I concluded from our conversation in Chicago that it would not be ready by that time but I do not want to make any other appointment for the day if the statue is to be ready for dedication.

I have heard nothing from Racine with reference to the dedication so I imagine it has been postponed.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director

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FREDERICK C. HIBBARD

SCULPTOR

923 EAST 60TH STREET

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

October 23, 1942

Mr. Louis A. Warren,
Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Warren:

The Mary Todd Lincoln and Abraham Lincoln group will not be ready for unveiling November 4th.

I am making steady progress on the granite group. I want to take plenty of time and do a good job of carving. It would have been fine if it had been possible to have unveiled it on the 100th anniversary of their wedding.

As soon as the group is finished I will write to you.

Yours very truly,

Frederick C. Hibbard

October 30, 1942

Mr. Thomas S. McQueen
Racine Office

My dear Mr. McQueen:

I have just today received word from Mr. Hibbard that his statue of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln would not be ready for dedication this Fall. This is what I assumed from what he told me while visiting in Chicago so the whole program seems to be very indefinite indeed with respect to its dedication.

I believe that Potter & Smith had some idea of getting it out July 4, 1943.

As this is the first direct statement with reference to its completion by Mr. Hibbard, I thought I should let you know about it.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director

RAMBLIN' 'ROUND

BY C. C. TISLER.

WILL ERECT STATUE TO BOTH THE LINCOLNS

Mary Todd Lincoln, a tragic figure in American history who has been the victim of calumny on the part of many writers and of the movies, the latter with their usual capacity for twisting many historical facts to fit the box office, at last is to be honored in beautiful granite in Racine, Wis.

Not only will this be the first such tribute paid to Mrs. Lincoln, but it is also the first time that such a memorial has been erected to the memory of both an American president and his wife.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN and his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln, tragic figures in American history, are to be honored by this beautiful statue in a public park in Racine, Wis. The work is being done by Frederick Hibbard, famous American sculptor.

The figures of Lincoln will be seated and at his right will be Mrs. Lincoln, standing with her left hand on her husband's shoulder.

From three sources came material for the story on this unusual and long deserved memorial to Mary Todd Lincoln. The Racine Journal-Times furnished a copy of a news story, and the Chicago Tribune sent the mat and the Lincoln National Life Foundation supplied the historical data to refute the common belief, set forth by many writers and by the movies, that Mary Todd Lincoln was a shrewish woman, a 19th century Xanthippe who made life miserable for her immortal husband.

Spent Sumer in Racine.

Racine may seem an odd place for such a marker, for there is no sound evidence to show that Lincoln, who already had lost two less it was on his way to Milwaukee to fill a speaking engagement in 1859.

But it is the city where Mrs. Lincoln, who already lost two sons and her husband and whose mind was broken by her grief, spent the summer of 1869 with her son, Tad, or Thomas Lincoln who died two years later.

Seven years ago Miss Lena Rosewall, a resident of Racine, left her entire estate of $20,000 to the city for the purpose of erecting such a marker to Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln.

She was a student of Lincoln's life and was impressed with the part that Mary Todd Lincoln had played in rounding out her husband's character in the nearly 23 years that she was his wife.

Relatives of Miss Rosewall tried to break the will but failed. Finally Frederick C. Hibbard of Chicago noted sculptor was given a commission to create the statue which will stand in a public park. The features of Lincoln were taken from a life mask. Lincoln authorities aided Hibbard in gathering data to make the work outstanding and historically authentic.

Granite and Marble.

The statue will top a pedestal of Minnesota pink granite five feet high and six and a half feet in dimensions. The figure of Mrs. Lincoln will be seven feet tall, chiselled from Elberton gray granite from a Georgia quarry. The work has been going on for a year, and was to have been completed by November 4, 1942, the 100th anniversary of the Lincoln's marriage.

The tragic figure of Mary Todd Lincoln, who occupied one of the most difficult positions ever given any American woman, has been passed over by many writers who chose instead to romanticize Ann Rutledge, a womn that Abraham Lincoln never mentioned in all his voluminous correspondence so far as known. Whatever passed between them remained locked in his memory until he died.

The movies have shown Mary Todd Lincoln as a scolding wife who is reputed to have thrown coffee at her husband and chased him from the house with a broom. As Dr. Louis Warren, director of the Lincoln National Life foundation points out, maybe Lincoln deserved such rough treatment occasionally. The man of jokes and pranks on the judicial circuit and in the court room some times lost his good nature when he came home to a houseful of growing and shouting boys in Springfield.

But the movies and some of the writers on Mary Todd Lincoln have never taken the trouble to examine autthentic historical matter showing a different side of her character.

They have never shown Mary Todd Lincoln visiting the sick wounded soldiers in the crowded army hospitals of Civil war Washington, carrying fruit, cigars, candy and flowers bought at her own expense or that of the president to bring cheer to the patients.

Wrote Soldier's Letter.

Neither have they shown Mary Todd Lincoln sitting at the bedside of a 16-year-old Union soldier, who had been gravely ill for three weeks, to write a letter to his mother, saying that he was recovering. That letter was treasured by the family of the soldier for many years, and probably is still in their possession.

The movies and many writers have conveniently overlooked the fact that Mary Todd Lincoln was a cultured and talented woman, and that she taught social graces to her great husband, which she had acquired in Lexington, Ky., a city that has never seen fit to pay any tribute to the wife of Abraham Lincon.

These writers skipped over the fact that when Mary Todd Lincoln left Springfield en route to the White House she was leaving her home of many years. She also was leaving the grave of one son and finally when she quit Washington in that tragic summer of 1865 she had left her only two sons, Robert and Tad of whom only Robert still remained when her troubled life came to an end in 1882.

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RACINE, WISCONSIN

L. D. POTTER
WM. H. SMITH

May 29, 1943.

Dr. Louis A. Warren,
Lincoln Life Institute,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Warren:

At last we are definitely assured that the monument to Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln can be dedicated on Sunday, July 4, of this year and it is our plan to dedicate it on that date. Since we first discussed this matter with you and because of your interest in this monument, it has been our plan to ask you to deliver the Dedication Address and we now extend you this invitation and hope you will be able to accept it. We suggest that the Dedication Address be limited to 40 minutes, if possible.

We sincerely hope that you can be with us on this occasion.

Very truly yours,

POTTER AND SMITH,

By L D Potter

LDP:H

June 3, 1943

Mr. L. D. Potter
423 Main Street
Racine, Wisconsin

My dear Mr. Potter:

It will be a pleasure for me indeed to give the dedicatory address at the ceremonies in connection with the statue dedication on Sunday, July 4.

As the day approaches I am sure you will give me further advice as to the exact time, etc.

Very truly yours,

LAW:WM

Director



Dedication Program

Dedication
Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln Statue
July 4, 1943 - - 2 o'clock P. M.
East Park, Racine, Wisconsin

The Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln monument was bequeathed to the City of Racine, Wisconsin, by Lena Rosewall. She died May 9, 1935. This is the first monument to be dedicated to a President of the United States of America and his wife and the first monument to Mary Todd Lincoln.

MONUMENT COMMITTEE:
William H. Smith, Executor.
Louis D. Potter
Frank R. Starbuck } Advisors

SCULPTOR:
Frederick C. Hibbard

Program

Dr. John I. Meck - - - - - - - - - - Presiding

Musical Selections - - - - - - - - - - 2:00—2:30

Invocation - - - - - - - Reverend Raymond A. Parr

Address - - - - - - - - Honorable Louis D. Potter
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Dedicatory Address - - - - - Dr. Louis A. Warren

Unveiling of Monument - - - - - Emil C. Wiegand

Presentation of Monument to City of Racine, Wisconsin - - -
- - - - - - Honorable William H. Smith, Executor

Acceptance Address - Honorable Francis H. Wendt, Mayor

Address - - - - - - Frederick C. Hibbard, Sculptor

Memorial Address - - - - - Dr. Clarence Seidenspinner

Musical Selection - - - - - "Star Spangled Banner"

COPY

June 4, 1943.

Mr. Fred L. Fisher, Advertising Mgr.,
Lincoln National Life Ins. Co.,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Fisher: Re: Dedication of Mary Todd and Abraham Lincoln Statue, East Park, Racine, Wis., July 4, 1943 at 2 PM.

In line with your letter of May 20, and our Mr. Brown's reply of May 22, I have now to advise that Bert and I have been in conference with attorneys Botter & Smith; also the commercial photographer, and finally have things lined up.

The commercial photographer will take a picture of the base in its final setting, and we have a very good photograph from Mr. Hibbard the sculptor, which the commercial photographer will place on the base, and give us an excellent composite picture. We have been working on this all morning and finally exacted a promise from the commercial photographer that the composite picture will be run off and in our hands by next Wednesday, June 9. We will immediately get it off to you so that you will have ample time to run off the 1500 dedication mementos which will carry a picture of the statue on one side, and a story of the statues' creation with our signature on the reverse side. You said these mementos would be approximately 5" x 7". The picture that the artist sends up for us to work from is 7" x 9" and it seems to me this size would make a far better presentation than the 5" x 7" you mention. What do you think?

We are getting a large copy of the composite picture blown up to size approximately 29" x 42" which will fit a frame we have built in our office window. We also have photographs of the donee, the sculptor, the newspaper publisher who was one of the statue advisors, the attorneys and are writing today to Doctor Warren for his picture, and we are going to build what we think a very fine display in our window calling attention to the time and place of the dedication.

We are also going to run a newspaper ad (this is one of the reasons for giving Mr. Starbuck, the newspaper publisher, space with the others for his photograph in our window display) and in this connection you were going to help us. The reason we ask this is because we left with you a letter giving you the facts, and due to your more diversified experience and training you can do a far better job than we could do here. In going into this newspaper ad however, we hardly feel it advisable to show any pictures because of the cost of the space, considering the amount of money we are running into in getting the photographs of the statue and different people as well as the blown-up picture of the statue.

You underline in your letter that you would prefer to use an actual photograph of the statue as it appears on its base, and that is exactly what we are getting for you in arranging for this composite photo. Now the entire thing is in your hands and I trust that you will be able to give us not only the newspaper copy but the story which will appear on the reverse side of the picture before it is run. We ask this because we would like to get Potter & Smith's idea before we O.K. the final proof. We expect to get some very fine dignified publicity out of this thing, and naturally we here in Racine do appreciate your assistance. I think it would be in order that on the reverse side of the photo which carries the story, to add that the story was compiled by F. L. Fisher of the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company. However, as to this you can suit yourself. We certainly want to have our name on it because we are going to get something out of it for our mutual good.

Incidentally, these mementos are going to be distributed by Boy Scouts, and in addition to Professor Warren there are going to be other notables as well as appropriate music at the event. Please keep in touch with us.

Yours very truly,

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Racine, Wisconsin

June 4, 1943.

Dr. Louis A. Warren,
Lincoln Foundation,
Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Warren:-

The attached letter to Advertising Manager Fisher, is self-explanatory.

Mr. R. E. Brown and myself have just come away from a meeting with Potter & Smith, and were shown your acceptance to giving the dedicatory address at the unveiling. Potter & Smith are writing you again, but the event is definitely to be held promptly at 2 o'clock Sunday, July 4, and due and proper arrangements are being made to give this event the due prominence it deserves. I think in reading the letter addressed to Mr. Fisher, you can see just what is taking place.

If you will advise us just when you expect to arrive in Racine, it might be advisable for us to get at least Potter and Smith together with yourself for midday luncheon. The time specified above is correct so that you can set your plans, and if you have any thoughts in connection with this luncheon or any other detail that we can attend to, please feel free to command us.

Yours very truly,

T. S. McQueen

OF
FAGAN-NEWELL-McQUEEN COMPANY

TSM:MB

June 9, 1943

Mr. T. S. McQueen
Racine Office

My dear Mr. McQueen:

The picture which you telegraphed about is hardly as large as the one you desired but the only one which is now available. It has gone forward to you and you will receive it I am sure before this letter arrives.

I would be pleased indeed to get in touch with you just before my trip to Racine and let you know something about my arrival. I think it would be a very fine thing to have luncheon with Mr. Potter and Mr. Smith if it is convenient for them.

Very truly yours,

LAW:CRS
L.A.Warren

Director

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RACINE, WISCONSIN

L. D. POTTER
WM. H. SMITH

June 25, 1943.

Dr. Louis A. Warren,
Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Warren:

The dedication of the Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln monument will be on Sunday, July 4, at 2 o'clock P. M. The program is as follows:

Dr. John I. Meck.....Presiding

Musical Selections.....2 to 2:30 P. M.

Invocation.....Rev. Raymond A. Parr

Address - "Lena Rosewall"....Louis D. Potter

Dedicatory Address.....Dr. Louis A. Warren

Unveiling of Monument.....Emil C. Wiegand

Presentation of Monument
to the City of Racine.....Wm. H. Smith

Acceptance of Monument.....Francis W. Wendt, Mayor

Address.....Frederick C. Hibbard,
Sculptor

Memorial Address.....Dr. Clarence Seidenspinner

Musical Selection.....Star Spangled Banner

My remarks will not consume more than 15 minutes of time. The unveiling of the monument will require only a minute or two; the presentation of the monument to the City of Racine will require less than 5 minutes and the acceptance of the monument will require less than 5 minutes of time. Dr. Seidenspinner's Memorial Address will consume about 15 minutes. The reason for a Memorial Address is that we are having this dedication in conjunction with the 4th of July activities of this city and working in cooperation with the 4th of July Committee. This committee had planned a memorial service to the dead in the present war and after the committee heard about the dedication of this monument, the members were very anxious to join in the dedication and make the event of dedication as great as possible. Also, at first the 4th of July committee in-

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tended to hold its celebration on Sunday, the 4th, but after it learned of our dedication program, it decided to have the celebration on the 5th instead of Sunday, the 4th, so that we would have no other attraction to draw from the dedication program, therefore, we thought it best to cooperate with this committee and incorporate a memorial address in our program.

You see that this is going to be quite a long program and we would therefore suggest that you limit your dedicatory address to about 30 minutes.

The statue is to be placed on the pedestal June 29. All plans have been completed for the dedication. The dedication of the monument is receiving a lot of local publicity and we expect it to be quite a sizeable event.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 4th, we are

Very truly yours,

POTTER AND SMITH,

By L. D. Potter

LDP:H

P.S. The sculptor informed us his address will be very brief-less than five minutes. L.D.Potter

June 29, 1943

Mr. L. D. Potter
316 Arcade Bldg.
423 Main St.
Racine, Wis.

My dear Mr. Potter:

Thanks for sending the program for the dedication of the Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln statue.

In order that I may not make a mistake with respect to the date, please again confirm the first paragraph in your letter of June 25th in which you state, "at first the 4th of July committee intended to hold its celebration on Sunday, the 4th, but after it learned of our dedication program, it decided to have the celebration on the 5th, instead of Sunday, the 4th."

In the closing paragraph of your letter you state, "Looking forward to seeing you on the 4th." Now please state very definitely if the program is on the 4th or on the 5th, as, of course, it makes much difference as to the time of my arrival.

Very truly yours,

LAW:MB

Director

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POTTER AND SMITH

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW

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423 MAIN STREET

RACINE, WISCONSIN

L. D. POTTER
WM. H. SMITH

June 30, 1943.

Dr. Louis A. Warren, Director
Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Warren:

The dedication of the Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln statue is to be on Sunday, July 4, 1943, at 2 o'clock P. M.

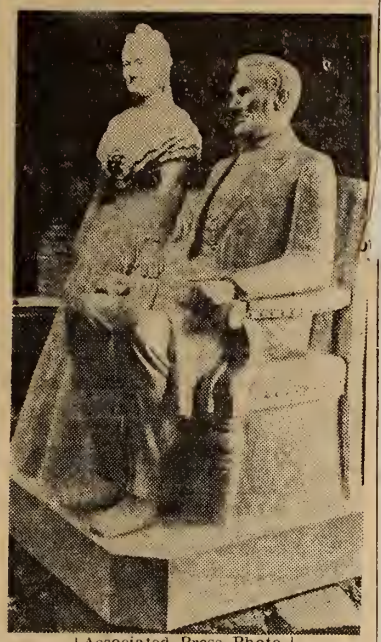
Very truly yours,

L. D. Potter

LDP:H

Chi. Tribune
June 27, 1943

Statue Completed



[Associated Press Photo.]

Monument to Mary Todd and Abraham Lincoln.

Two years in the making, a huge five ton granite group of Mary Todd and Abraham Lincoln was completed yesterday and prepared for shipment to Racine, Wis., where it is scheduled to be unveiled on July 4 in East park.

Executed by Sculptor Frederick C. Hibbard of 923 East 60th street, the monument was provided for in the will of the late Lena Rosewall of Racine, a student of Lincolniana, as a gift to that city.

Sculptor Hibbard said he believed the group was the first ever executed of a President and his wife and the first of Mary Todd Lincoln.

The sculptor said East park had been selected as the site for the monument because history records that Mary Todd Lincoln spent many afternoons in the park while spending a summer in Racine with her son, Tad, after the assassination of President Lincoln.

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND MARY TODD LINCOLN IN STATUARY

An heroic statue of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln was dedicated at Racine, Wisconsin, on July 4, 1943. It is said to be "The first monument to be dedicated to a President of the United States and his wife," and it is the first attempt to portray Mrs. Lincoln in sculptural art.

The Donor

It seems appropriate that a woman should be the donor of this unique statue in which the figure of Mrs. Lincoln, in some respects, overshadows the likeness of her husband. There lived in Racine for many years a woman named Miss Lena Rosewall, who became a great admirer of the martyred President. In her casual reading of the Lincoln story she had come to believe that Mrs. Lincoln never was given proper credit for the part she played in the development of President Lincoln.

Miss Rosewall died on May 9, 1935 and her entire estate of about $20,000 was made the basis of a bequest which designated that a statue of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln be created and presented to the city of Racine. The provisions of the will were fully consummated when Mayor Francis H. Wendt received the statue on behalf of the city of Racine. The law firm of Potter and Smith were executors for the estate and superintended the carrying out of the bequest.

The Sculptor

This new creation of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln in stone is the work of Frederick C. Hibbard, of Chicago. While it is to be regretted that funds were not sufficient, and the times not propitious, to allow the statue to be cast in bronze, however, many of Mr. Hibbard's best works have been done in stone. This is the sculptor's first heroic study of Lincoln, although he has done many of Lincoln's contemporaries, including a statue of Jefferson Davis, erected at Frankfort, Kentucky, and one of Ulysses S. Grant, at Vicksburg, Mississippi.

The Statue

The sculptor has presented a rather pleasing portrait of Mrs. Lincoln, using as a study for her attire, the dress worn at the First Inaugural; in fact, the work is an attempt to portray Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln at the time they entered the White House, and before the cares of the administration began to tell in the features of both the President and his wife.

Flowers and jewelry which contributed to the grandeur of Mrs. Lincoln's apparel are very much in evidence. While it may not be difficult to chisel in granite a pioneer woman in frontier garb, it is a task for a master to create an acceptable figure in formal evening dress, out of cold, hard stone.

The sculptor has given us a submissive husband in Mr. Lincoln and his seated position beside his wife, so short of stature, is just as Mary would have it. There was never any photograph taken of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln in a group; if there had been we are inclined to believe that the pose prepared by Mr. Hibbard would not be objectional to either of them.

Historical Significance

It was the intention of the sculptor and the executor of the Rosewall estate to have the statue ready for dedication on November 4th, 1942, the 100th anniversary of the marriage of Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd, but delay in the completion of the statue caused the postponement of the event until July 4, 1943. This date, however, falls within the 100th anniversary year, so something of the centennial aspect was contributed to the dedication atmosphere. Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln lived together over twenty-two years and the part she played in the making of Mr. Lincoln is here memorialized in a permanent form for the first time.

Those who had any part in the creation of the statue and the planning for its final acceptance by the city of Racine will be greatly disappointed if its presence does not keep continually in the foreground the need of a more sympathetic study of Mrs. Lincoln. It is fortunate, indeed, that the new Mary Lincoln book, by Anne Colver, came from the press preliminary to the dedication of the statue, and it contributed much to the interest of this new artistic interpretation of Mrs. Lincoln and her husband.

Location

The location of the statue is in East Park and faces Main Street, along which Mrs. Lincoln often walked in 1869, when for a brief time she was a resident of Racine. It would appear that in this city she found some rest and quiet, and the park entirely surrounded by private homes is all that could be desired for the atmosphere of a statue which emphasizes the domestic phase of the Lincoln story.

Among the letters of Mary Lincoln which have been preserved is one written from Racine on June 30, 1869, to Mrs. Atwood. Her reaction to Racine is well set forth in this paragraph.

"I find the house where I am staying very neat, clean, and everyone anxious to please. I have a parlor and bedroom fronting Lake Michigan and I find the air very refreshing. I may probably remain here some weeks. I am finding the rest very beneficial to me . . . The walks here are shady and very pleasant. Each morning I have walked two miles . . ."

The letter also tells of her visit to Racine College which she thought very impressive, situated on the shores of the lake. She contemplated sending Tad to school here and commented, "Everything is beautiful and comfortable—yet how could I, who have been deprived of so much and have so little left to love, be separated from my precious child."

Racine seems to be one place where no incidents occurred to disturb the troubled mind of the widow Mary Lincoln, and students of the Lincoln saga, who find it convenient to visit this new shrine, will be invited by the very environment surrounding the statue, to spend a few moments in meditation on the life and works of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln.

This new monument is not the only Lincoln memorial in Racine, as there is an heroic bronze statue of the President situated on a plot at the intersection of State, Summit, and Hamilton Streets. It is a replica of the statue by Van Den Bergen at Clinton, Illinois, although a plate on the Racine statue states it was done by Volk. This bronze study was sponsored by the Lincoln Monument Association and financed by popular subscriptions and special gifts from graduates of the Lincoln school. It was dedicated February 12, 1934.

STATUE DEDICATION PROGRAM

Dr. John I. Meck.....Presiding
Musical Selections.....2:00-2:30
Invocation..Reverend Raymond A. Parr
Address—"The Bequeather".....
.....Honorable Louis A. Potter
Dedicatory Address.....
.....Dr. Louis A. Warren
Unveiling of Monument.....
.....Emil C. Wiegand
Presentation of Monument to City of Racine, Wisconsin.....Honorable William H. Smith, Executor
Acceptance Address.....
Honorable Francis H. Wendt, Mayor
Address .....
.....Frederick C. Hibbard, Sculptor
Memorial Address .....
.....Dr. Clarence Seidenspinner
Musical Selection.....
......"Star Spangled Banner"

Hibbard, Frederick C.

TRIBUTES PAID LINCOLN, WIFE AT RACINE RITE

Statue, Gift to City, Unveiled as Prelude To July 4 Fete

RACINE, July 4—(Special)—Racine today became the first city in the United States to have a statue of Abraham Lincoln and his wife, Mary Todd. The monument, gift of Miss Lena Rosewall, who died May 9, 1935, was unveiled this afternoon before a large crowd in sun and shadow dappled East park as a prelude to Racine's annual Fourth of July celebration.

Prof. Louis Warren of the Lincoln Life foundation, Ft. Wayne, Ind., gave the principal address, describing the life of Lincoln and Mary Todd, whom he called a "woman with a violent temper but a brilliant mind."

HOW WIFE HELPED

Mary Todd was tremendously helpful in improving Lincoln's appearance, manners and conversation, he said, adding:

"If Lincoln were alive, I'm sure he would 'say a good word for Mary.'

"Mary Todd is one figure that has been greatly abused by the American people, by popular writers and by certain publications. But I am glad your city has been able to honor her as well as Lincoln."

STATUE UNVEILED

After the statue, which stands seven feet high on a five foot pedestal and weighs five tons, was unveiled by Emil Weigand, local Lincoln collector, Atty. William S. Smith, executor of the Rosewell estate, presented it to the city "with the hope that it will engender patriotism, devotion and adherence to the highest of ideals."

Mayor Francis H. Wendt, in accepting the monument on behalf of the city, declared that "never in our history has there been a more appropriate time for such a dedication. Once again," he said: "We are striving to maintain our freedom and the words and deeds of Abraham Lincoln, which left their imprint on all the world, lend inspiration to us in that struggle."

Louis Potter and Frank Starbuck, members of the memorial commission which arranged for creation o fthe statue, spoke briefly, Potter describing the life of Miss Rosewall and her interest in Lincoln and his wife.

TRIBUTE TO DEAD

The Rev. Clarence Seidenspinner paid tribute to the nation's dead and declared that after this war "we must make sure there is a new birth of freedom, not to a small privileged group, but to all people.

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park until darkness obliterated the statue, work of Frederick C. Hibbard, Chicago sculptor, who devoted two years to the task. On the platform were the chairman, Dr. John I. Meck; Rev. Raymond A. Parr, who gave the invocation; Louis D. Potter, William H. Smith and Frank H. Starbuck, citizens committee in charge of selecting the statue and placing it in East park. Mayor Francis H. Wendt; Mr. Hibbard, Emil C. Wiegand and Dr. Clarence Seidenspinner.

Mr. Potter spoke for Mrs. Rosewall, telling of her admiration for Lincoln and his wife and how she left her estate, estimated at $20,000, to the city for erection of this joint monument, first in the United States, as an inspiration to the youth of the city. Smith, executor of the estate, thanked his committee, the city officials for permitting erection in East park and all who co-operated in success of the project.

"Speaks for Me."

Following the unveiling, in charge of Emil C. Wiegand, local Lincoln authority, Hibbard was called on for a talk and after thanking Mr. Smith and the committee for giving him the assignment said, "There is my work. It sepaks for me," pointing to the statue.

In accepting the group in behalf of the city, Mayor Wendt said, "There never could be a more appropriate time for such a dedication than this anniversary of our nation, which finds us in the midst of a great struggle for the preservations of those freedoms which our forefathers founded. I am proud that Racine has been accorded the honor of being the first to pay this fine tribute, and I know it will be an inspiration. Let us rededicate ourselves today to the preservation of our liberty and freedom and return to humanity a faith in God. This monument also is a tribute to memory of a public spirited citizen, Mrs. Lena Rosewall, and I accept it in behalf of our city in a spirit of gratitude."

Dr. Seidenspinner Speaks.

Dr. Seidenspinner paid tribute to the millions of young men and women now in the armed forces, fighting to preserve the freedom of this nation and for all persons who have died in that cause. He told of Lincoln's Gettysburg speech, one of the greatest, he said, of all times and pictured "that brooding figure" who remembered in compassion the countless dead of the Civil war.

Casualty lists were not unintelligible figures to Lincoln, according to the speaker, but each one meant a young boy, who had left home and dear ones to give his all for his country. Since then, other youths have answered the call, taken up arms for preservation of their nation and its ideals. Some, including those who died in World War No. 1, "were sold down the river; they died in vain."

Tells of One Consolation.

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Prior to the regular program, Schulte's band, under direction of Frederick Schulte, gave a half hour's concert. The ceremonies closed with the audience, led by the band, singing "The Star Spangled Banner." A dinner party was held in Hotel Racine for the distinguished guests, Lincoln collectors and the committee.

Inscriptions on Statue.

The heroic-sized monument is placed in center of East park, originally site of a band shell and later an ornamental iron fountain. This fountain was removed many years ago since which the site has been planted each spring with tulips and later with other plants.

Inscriptions appear on all four sides of the base. That on the front, or west side, follows: "Mary Todd—Abraham Lincoln" while on the rear, or east side is engraved: "A Bequest to the City of Racine, Wis., by Lena Rosewall, Born, Feb. 18, A. D., 1872—Died, May 9, A. D., 1935. ("To the Children, and all People, May this Monument Inspire Devotion and Patriotism—Lena Rosewall").

On the north side of the base appears following wording: "This is the First Statue Erected to a President of the United States of America and His Wife, and the First to Mary Todd Lincoln."

South side bears this inscription: "Dedicated, July 4, A. D., 1943. Monument Committee—William F. Smith, Executor, Louis D. Potter and Frank R. Starbuck, Advisors, F. C. Hibbard, Sculptor."

Souvenir programs, containing a picture of the monument, were distributed by the Boy Scouts. The Fagan, Newell & McQueen company also distributed glossy prints of the statue. Mr. Hibbard, the sculptor, autographed programs and pictures for some of the audience. That the programs were prized was proved by the fact that none were discarded on the grounds.



Unveiling of the Lincoln monument in East park (Sunday) and substitution of horses for automobiles in the parade recalled to old-timers a similar event on July 4, 1884, when the Soldiers' monument in what now is Monument square was unveiled. The square then was called Market square.

The event attracted a record crowd for those days as the picture shows. Hon. J. V. Quarles was president of the day, with H. C. Staver as marshal. Committee in charge follows: Citizens, F. W. Bruce, W. T. Lewis and H. Raymond; GAR, George E. Smith, J. L. Wheat and Edward Gillen; Old Settlers, J. I. Case, S. B. Peck and S. Whiteley. The monument was unveiled by Miss Flora Erskine, while a 21-gun salute was fired from the revenue cutter, Andy Johnson, anchored off Sixth street. Presentation was by Dr. J. G. Meachem, Sr., and response, by J. V. Quarles. The monument was dedicated by Gov. Harvey post of the GAR, after which Henry A. Cooper gave the main address. Gen. Lucius Fairchild was present as a government representative.



Tad Lincoln, shown here with his father, was a frequent visitor in Racine with his mother after the great American president was killed by an assassin. Tad and his mother would sit in East park, where the statue of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln was dedicated Sunday. It was shortly after the above picture of Lincoln was taken that he was killed.

Lincoln Statue in Racine Pays Equal Honor to His Wife

By a Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

RACINE, Wis.—This year Lincoln's anniversary finds a new memorial here—one believed to be different from all the others, and in fact different from any other Presidential monument. The inscription on the statue explains its unique character in these words:

"This is the first statue erected to a President of the United States and his wife. And the first to Mary Todd Lincoln."

A woman is responsible for this gift to Racine. Miss Lena Rosewall, in a bequest to her home city, asked that a statue be erected showing Mrs. Lincoln with her husband. The inscription, placed upon the base of the statue at her request, is as follows:

"To Children, and All People, May This Monument Inspire Devotion and Patriotism."

New Problem for Sculptor

Frederick C. Hibbard of Chicago, the sculptor, has had a wide variety of commissions to execute, including memorials to Jefferson Davis in the Montgomery, Ala., and Frankfort, Ky., Capitols. But he never had a problem quite like this—a sculptured group of husband and wife. Before beginning the work, he studied the biographies of both President and Mrs. Lincoln. Mrs. Hibbard, also a recognized sculptor, joined her husband in his reading and many evenings at the Hibbard home were devoted to research into the relationships of the Lincolns. The Hibbards came to the conclusion that Mary Todd Lincoln has suffered much from biased and unfriendly biographers, that her cultural background was of great help to the President in his career, and that her own letters show a comradely relationship with her husband.

But placing these two figures in a single setting still presented problems. Lincoln was a whole foot taller than his wife. Mrs. Lincoln, the sculptor found, never had permitted the taking of a picture of the two standing together.

Mr. Hibbard thought of the old daguerreotype pose, and hinted of it in his composition, which shows Mrs. Lincoln standing beside her husband who is seated in a relaxed position. The pose suggests also the comradship which Mr. Hibbard believes existed between the two, despite Mrs. Lincoln's occasional outbursts.

The group was presented to the city in a ceremony last summer. It is placed in East Park, in a spot which Mrs. Lincoln often visited during a summer spent in Racine with her son, Tad, in 1869.

At the dedication of the statue, Francis H. Wendt, Mayor of Racine, paid tribute to the qualities of Mrs. Lincoln.

Lauded as Precedent

"Years before Lincoln dreamed of the Presidency," he said, "she saw in him the qualities of leadership for the nation. Mary Todd Lincoln was proud, fastidious, and ambitious for her husband. Her constant thought was for his advancement.

"Let us hope that this first joint recognition of a wife's part in a President's success will establish the precedent for other similar well-deserved recognitions."

In a telegram to Mayor Wendt, Herbert D. Mason of Barre, Vt., expressed the thoughts of many who attended the dedication ceremony.

"The commission was a difficult one," he said, "but Mr. Hibbard has handled it with remarkable skill. I trust that the example set by Miss Rosewall in providing for this first joint recognition of a wife's part in a President's success may prove to be simply the first of many well-deserved but long-neglected similar recognitions. The failure to recognize the wife's share in Presidential success has been a most unfortunate feature of our history, and I trust this forward-looking step is but the beginning of a new era in that respect."

Comradeship in Sculpture



Lincoln National Life Foundation

Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln

Statue erected in Racine, Wis., which is said to be the first erected to a President of the United States and his wife as well as the first of Mrs. Lincoln.

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Rare Statue of Lincoln and Wife Draws Admirers of Emancipator

Racine Work Captures Happier Days

Like a fragment of happy memory caught from the mind of a long dead unhappy woman and transmuted into granite, is the statue of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln in Racine's East Park.

It is believed to be the only existing public statue of a United States President, sculptured with his wife. It is the work of Frederick C. Hibbard, Chicago sculptor. Miss Lena Rosewall of Racine, who died in 1935, bequeathed her $20,000 estate for its creation. It was unveiled July 4, 1943.

It stands on a spot in the center of the park where Mary Todd Lincoln's eyes must often have fallen, as she sat on a bench nearby, remembering. That was in 1869, when she spent the summer in Racine with her son, Tad.

It was after Lincoln's assassination, and Mrs. Lincoln's letters to friends, posted in Racine, show her struggle against the shadows that were closing in on her mind. Racine then was a nationally known summer resort, and Mrs. Lincoln and her son were staying at the old Congress Hall.

The statue shows Lincoln sitting stiffly, less melancholy than usual, while his wife stands beside him. One hand is on his arm. Her face is serene, almost smiling.

Perhaps a visualization of happier times was in the fading eyes of the broken, elderly lady, as she sat resting on a bench, gazing idly at a spot among the trees. And perhaps the image lingered there; to be frozen into the permanence of granite by a sensitive sculptor, nearly a century later.

At any rate, the gray granite on its pink granite pedestal is a focal point for Wisconsin admirers of Lincoln. It will be a center of Racine's Lincoln observance today—and Racine, with its Abraham Lincoln Club devoted entirely to study of the great man's life, is unusually lavish in the honor it pays the Great Emancipator.



Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln, sculptured in the only statue of its kind in existence overlook Racine's East Park. The $20,000 statue is a mecca for Wisconsin admirers of the Great Emancipator.

Sentinel Photo by Tony Neuman.

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We try to keep up with all of the new statues of Lincoln which are being erected and we would be pleased to present you with a fine brochure on Lincoln statues in America if you would be interested in receiving one.

Very truly yours,

Director

LAW:CM
L.A.Warren

Lexington Leader
February 13, 1960



LINCOLN AND FIRST LADY—The world's only statue of President Abraham Lincoln and his first lady, Mary Todd Lincoln, stands in East Park at Racine, Wis., where Mrs. Lincoln spent a summer after her husband's assassination. The statue was sculptured by Frederick C. Hibbard on commission by Miss Lena Rosewell, a pioneer resident, who presented the work to the city of Racine. (AP Wirephoto).

Woman's Day
August 1963

Take a one-day trip

All localities have points of interest, old houses, statues that mark some historic event or parks that are just beautiful. I have found that a trip of a day or less to a nearby town can be very enjoyable and very reasonable in price.

During the past few summers I have taken quite a number of these short trips to parks a few miles away for a quiet picnic, driven down the riverside to some beautiful historic preserves, visited churches and grottoes, gone to



Point of interest in Racine, Wisconsin.

lovely, out-of-the-way eating places. One of the longest trips has been to Racine, Wisconsin, about seventy miles away, where one may see what is said to be the only statue of Abraham Lincoln with his wife.

These one-day trips are quite invigorating and, when in company of friends, are days to be remembered.

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"ABRAHAM and MARY TODD LINCOLN"

Heroic Granite Statue

East Park, Main Between 10th and 11th Streets

Dedicated July 4, 1943 - 2:00 P. M.

SUNDAY, July 4th, in East Park, during the 100th year of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln's wedding anniversary, the City of Racine unveils the first statue ever erected to an American President and his wife. This heroic granite statue, bequeathed by the late Miss Lena Rosewall and created by the famous Chicago sculptor, Frederick C. Hibbard, memorializes the contribution Mary Todd Lincoln made to the martyred President's character and greatness. Significantly, it is erected on a spot where Mrs. Lincoln spent many happy hours during the summer of 1869.

The City of Racine is grateful to Miss Rosewall whose interest in Lincoln lore and whose thoughtful generosity made this monument possible.

A memorial comprising a photographic replica of the monument and a story of its origin will be given away at the dedication.

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